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Re Application of:

EMANUELE ET AL.

Serial No. 09/457,771

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For: THERAPEUTIC DELIVERY COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN CPA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000, the period for response which expires on May 21, 2001, by virtue of the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows and reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following remarks.

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